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HONGKONG, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1904

We discussed yesterday what were the actions of Japan up to the 8th instant, the crucial day in the history of the present Russo-Japanese question. It is now worth while to look at Russia's. During the early days of the month, when Russia was, according to the statements she would wish believed of her innocent intentions, at perfect peace with Japan, she sent up a large section of her fleet into the Sea of Japan. On the innocent dodge, what would it have been doing? Vladivostok, the only port possessed by Russia, is at this season entirely shut off from Japanese waters; it is plain, therefore, it could not have been for merely defensive purposes. The indications therefore are that it was to be in readiness to make an assault on some part of Japan as soon as the first news of war arrived. As we have said before, there is nothing contrary to international usage in this; so to manoeuvre as to be in a position to strike the first blow is held to be one of the most admirable points of good strategy. That the Russians were outmanoeuvred is what must happen to one or other in war, and reflects no moral obliquity on either side. But other evidences are not wanting to show that the Russians were perfectly well aware of the position on the 9th instant, when it is attempted to plead that there was no state of war. We have heard a good deal of the extraordinary conduct of a Russian gunboat, the *Mandjour*, in Shanghai waters. The *Mandjour*, it seems, on the morning of the 9th instant, before any news of commenced hostilities could arrive, was lying in the harbour. As a neutral port she, as a commis-

sioned warship of a State in a state of war, had no right to be in Shanghai, and was actually firing up with the intention of leaving on the tide. The first knowledge that the public had that war had broken out was given by the *Mandjour*, who in the forenoon suddenly raised three Russian ensigns at her mast-head. This of course is the usual indication of war, having been declared, and under ordinary circumstances would have been looked upon as simply a notification of that being the case. In the instance of the *Mandjour*, making use of the hospitality of a friendly, though neutral port, it seemed to the foreign residents an instance of extreme ill taste, it being known that the ship would have extreme difficulty in reaching safely the nearest Russian port, Port Arthur; and her raising the bunting was taken merely as a renewed instance of the eagerness with which Russians have stuck to their now discredited game of bluff. Not a word or a rumour of war having actually broken out had at the time reached Shanghai; indeed, the attack of the warships at Port Arthur had only occurred that morning. The Russians in fact were prepared, had not the Japanese by a few hours forestalled them, to make an attack on the Japanese coast. The further actions of the gunboat are indicative of the respect likely to be paid to international rules by the Russians. On the morning of the 8th the *Mandjour* was all ready to leave on the turn of the tide, but vague rumours of Japanese activity having come in in the course of the day, by the evening her commander thought fit to change his mind. No one would have been disposed to be too hard on him under the circumstances, and had he taken down his pennant in compliment to the port on whose hospitality he was unwillingly trespassing, the incident might have passed without notice. Such, however, we hear from latest information, was not the course that recommended itself. The *Mandjour* still remained flying her pennant as a man-of-war in a neutral port. How this curious and abnormal position is to end has apparently not yet been decided by the powers that be.

Six of the wounded Russian sailors brought down from Chemulpo were admitted yesterday into the Government Civil Hospital.

A movement is on foot in the Philippines to have Emilio Aguinaldo appointed to the honorary commission which is to represent those islands at the St. Louis Exposition.

The Superintendent of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donation to the Building Fund of the Maternity Hospital: Mrs. Wu Ting Fong, \$100.

The Superintendent of the Great Northern Telegraph Co. informed us yesterday that the Company's new route to Europe via Peking and Irkutsk has this day been opened for all traffic, at same rates as via Vladivostok. Telegrams intended for this route to be marked "via Kiachta." All telegrams for Europe, handed to the Company will during the interruption of the Vladivostok line be forwarded via Kiachta.

The Russian Consul-General at Shanghai notifies that in view of commencement of war with Japan, lights on the coast of Kwantung (Liaotung) Peninsula will not be exhibited, and in the littoral waters and bays of Kwantung submarine mines and obstructions have been put down. The approach of either steamers or craft to Port Arthur or Tientsin during night time is strictly forbidden; any craft approaching will be sunk.

Police Patrolman Thomas Hayden, of Manila, was dismissed the service for arresting the chauffeur of Commissioner Dean C. Worcester for causing an obstruction with his auto, in Manila, on the 19th inst. Referring to the *Cablenews* this breaks out:—The troubles of an automobilist: Commissioner Worcester who bends under the burden of the building of a Bauguet bungalow has his brown boy beaten by a badly bludgeoned bear! Culprable cop! Courageous chauffeur! Sad story!

The *Japan Mail*, writing editorially with regard to Japan's responsibility for the war in Russian eyes, says:—Japan's proposals did not contain one word inconsistent with or in excess of the pledges openly and solemnly made by Russia herself within the past two years. If Russia's attitude towards those pledges had any shadow of sincerity, she would not have hesitated to explain the postponement of their fulfilment and to renew them in the interests of peace and of her own reputation. Instead of doing so she immediately began, and never ceased, to prepare for perpetrating by force of arms her gross breach of faith. It is a wretched record, and when she attempts to convict Japan of want of patience, she ignores the fact that the world has already pronounced Japan's patience to have been an extraordinary and excessive. Nothing but an extraordinary plenitude of faith in the ultimately pacific potentiality of the Tsar and his best advisers justified the Japanese in hesitating while Russia strengthened her destructive capacities, and it needed only this paltry excuse on the part of St. Petersburg to complete one of the most discreditable chapters in the history of civilised intercourse.

Exemption from duty on presents sent by U.S. Government servants abroad to their friends at home has been abolished.

The *Mercury's* Peking correspondent writes under date 10th February:—The *exequatur* for Mr. Fleming D. Cheshire, as Consul-General of the United States at Mukden, and for James W. Davidson, United States Consul at Antung, were today granted by the Chinese Government, and their commissions are now on the way to Peking. Mr. Cheshire was formerly the Chinese Secretary of the United States Legation here, and Mr. Davidson the United States Consul at Fumosa. They are expected soon to arrive at their posts.

A telegram dated Chumbi, February 3, says:—Snow two and a half feet thick has fallen upon the Jolap Pass and at Phuri, but there is no delay in post and transport, which are still doing regular stages. A certain amount of grain and rice is coming into Phuri from Bhutan and is of material assistance to the Supply and Transport Corps. The local yak convoy at Phuri has been augmented from Khasign Valley. The overhead telegraph wire has been extended to Kam-lung whence it is connected with Phuri, eight miles distant, by cable. Messrs. Madan, the Parsee eaters, arrived at Chumbi today and opened a general store tent which was immediately crowded, the goods being sold as fast as the cases were opened.

ANOTHER FIRE.

Yet another conflagration has to be recorded, which broke out at 12.25 a.m. yesterday at No. 95, Jervois Street. The fire originated in the medicine-shop of Leung Yan Po, immediately spreading to the floor above, occupied by the New Territory Opium Farmer. Chief Inspector Baker, in charge of the Fire Brigade, with Mr. MacDonald, Chief Engineer, were soon on the spot, and the efforts of the men were crowned with success in a very short time, the fire being confined to the premises mentioned, and the damage only amounting to \$1,100 in all. The property is insured with the Shanghai Insurance Company.

THE DALLAS COMPANY.

A change of programme took place last night at the Theatre Royal, when the Dallas Musical Comedy Company staged Paul Rubens's *Three Little Maids*, which scored a success equal to that of their previous performances.

The plot—if so thin a story can be called a plot—turned upon the adventures of the three daughters of the Vicar of Market Malory. The first scene is the opening of the Golf Links, and the arrival in the quiet village of three society belles and three men from town. The Vicar's daughters immediately attract the attention of the men, to the chagrin of the ladies. The next scene is in a tea-shop, and the third in the London drawing-room of Lady Malory, where the three little maids are discovered by their admirers, and an attempt by the Society belles to recapture their old admirers' allegiance once more ends in their discomfiture, and the fun goes on to a finish with the naval *finde*. Miss Walters, Miss Violet Frampton, and Miss Alice Wade made charming "Little Maids," being dainty and piquant with just that *souper* of mischievous frivolity only to be met with in the clerical daughters in fiction and on the stage. Miss Wade makes something of a hit with her song "My Sal," and also appearing to somewhat better advantage than in the character of Fifi, while Miss Frampton scored well with a song "The Maid who dwelt by the mill," Miss Grace Desmond making a perfect mistress. Mr. Percival Knight, of course, was capital in his personation of "Lord Chayne," and his weakness for telling all and sundry of the "fearful life he has led" was irresistible, his topical allusions being very apt. As M. de l'Orme, Mr. Cochrane did some good work, scoring well in his songs. Mr. Albert Ross was also in good form. Miss Bertha Hunter's "Lady Malory" was a very fine piece of acting, while the three Society belles, Miss Eva Carlotta, Miss Amy Bailey, and Miss Eva Bonheur, were more than good in their parts, their costumes being most tasteful and *à la mode*.

Mr. Duncan Munro made a very good and orthodox-looking old vicar, and acted well up to the part. Other parts were taken by Miss Carrie Roberts, Miss Phyllis Underwood, and Mr. Ritter Riley, a somewhat boisterous "Cupid."

In the third act, as we previously announced, Miss Garbette played some selections on the violin, her rendering of which showed consummate taste and cultivation, her accompaniments being played by Mr. Percival Knight. This young artist displayed a wonderful command over her instrument. It must be said again that the company has scored another and very decided success.

CORRESPONDENCE.

JAPANESE TREASURY BONDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 24th February.
Sir, I beg to inform you that I have received a wire from the Bank's Head Office to the following effect:—

"The Imperial Japanese Government Treasury Bonds are expected to receive large applications, over the amount offered, which are at present estimated to be about 250,000,000 yen."

I further beg to add that the particulars of the Bonds above referred to are:—

Gold Yen, 100,000,000, redeemable in 5 years; interest 5 per cent. per annum; issuing price, 95 per cent; application from 1st to 10th March, 1904.—Yours, etc.
(For the Yokohama Specie Bank)
TARO HODSUMI.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

THE WAR.

RUSSIA'S MILITARY PREPARATIONS.—DESPERATE STEP.

LONDON, 24th Feb., 11.30. a.m.

General Kuropatkin leaves St. Petersburg three weeks hence to take up supreme military command in the Far East.

Seventy miles of railway and bridges between Harbin and Vladivostok have been destroyed.

FIRE AT CANTON.

CANTON, 24th Feb., 1.5 p.m.

HEAVY LOSSES.

A disastrous fire broke out in Canton at about 5 a.m. to-day in Tong-u-Lan, West Canton, and was still in progress at one o'clock. A large number of houses have been destroyed, probably quite 500, and the damage is put at about \$1,000,000.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR—AN INCIDENT IN THE RED SEA.

LONDON, 22nd February.

Reuter's Agency at Aden wires that the P. & O. s.s. *Mongolia* encountered a Russian battleship and four destroyers in the Red Sea. A destroyer endeavoured to cut off the *Mongolia*, but failed, when the whole squadron gave chase, and, being unable to overtake the steamer, signalled her to halt; upon which the *Mongolia* stopped and a destroyer approached, and, after a careful scrutiny of the ship, signalled "beg to be excused."

RUSSIA IN PORT ARTHUR AND COREA.

LONDON, 22nd February.

Reuter's correspondent, with the special permission of the authorities, has visited Port Arthur, which the Russians claim to be capable of two years' resistance. Two bodies of troops are making a parallel march towards the Yalu, with Phyang-an as the objective, and while advancing troops to the Yalu the centre is being strengthened and preparations made to defend the railway and the North Gulf Coast. The Russians admit their unpreparedness, but are now hurrying forward reinforcements.

THE CAPE MINISTRY.

LONDON, 22nd February.

A new Cape Cabinet has been formed, with Dr. Jameson as Premier.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONGKONG.

With reference to Sir Henry Blake's letter of the 10th November replying to Mr. Ireland's criticisms of Colonial government in Hongkong, Mr. E. Shawan writes to the *Times* from Hongkong on the 12th December last, and says:—"A respondent of over 20 years there, for an opportunity of expressing his views on the subject, which he feels sure are shared by many others in the Colony. He says:—Sir Henry Blake of course feels bound to defend his Government and the men under him, but Mr. Ireland has only voiced the feelings of Europeans out here and their dissatisfaction with a system of government by men sent out by the Colonial Office who know nothing of our wants and ways. The more able and energetic spirits among whom quickly pass out of the Colonial service into the law or other professions where the rewards are much greater. In proof of this I may point out that almost all the principal firms of Hongkong have been founded by gentlemen who were sent out by the Colonial Office at the Colonial Office's expense. Mr. Shawan agrees that Sir Henry Blake meant well and was in many respects an able Governor. He defends his own Administration, and tries to make out that everything was for the best in the best of all possible Colonies. He says that Professor Simpson visited the Colony at his request, but he forgets to add that this was forced upon him, and that his Government did nothing until the community took the matter in hand and publicly appointed a committee, which drew up and forwarded a petition to the home Government for inquiry, resulting in Messrs. Chalmers and Simpson being sent out. The Government of water, the state of the roads, the backwardness of all Government work, the ridiculous Admiralty Dock, overcrowding of Chinese, &c., are all evils that I might touch upon, but I must not trespass too greatly on your space."

THE WAR.

THE RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

H.M.S. *Amphitrite* has arrived from the North, bringing down the Russians who took refuge on H.M.S. *Talbot* at Chemulpo. The six most seriously wounded have been sent to hospital here, and the rest are to proceed to Colombo on the s.s. *Namading*.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

An Order of the Japanese Navy Department has been issued specifying what shall be regarded as contraband of war during the present hostilities. The Order is as follows:—

1.—The following articles shall be treated as contraband of war when intended to pass through the country of the enemy or destined therefor, or when destined for the Army or Navy of the enemy:—

Arms, ammunition, explosives, and other materials inclusive of lead, saltpetre, and sulphur, machines for their manufacture, cement, uniforms of the Army and Navy, war equipment, armour plates, materials for building warships and other vessels, and equipping vessels, and any other articles which are used for war purposes.

2.—The following articles shall be treated as contraband of war only in case they are destined for the enemy's Army or Navy, or being consigned to the country of the enemy can be considered as intended for the use of the enemy's Army or Navy:—

Provisions, liquors, horses, horse-equipment, timber, currency, gold and silver bullion, fodder, waggons (heavy) coal, and the material for the construction of telegraph and telephone lines and railways.

3.—Of the articles referred to in the preceding two clauses, these which can be judged from their quantity and nature to be for the service of the ship carrying them, shall not necessarily be treated as contraband of war.

RUSSIAN COAL AND EXPLOSIVES DETAINED

AT SINGAPORE.

A surprise, says the *Strait Times*, awaited the masters of the two vessels which arrived at Singapore from Europe on the 11th inst. One vessel had 5,000 tons of Cardiff coal for Port Arthur, the other had a large quantity of explosives for the Russians from Germany. The position of affairs was explained to the commanders, and they decided that their voyage to the East might end at Singapore. The coal was landed, and it is probable that the explosives also will be received at Singapore.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held to-morrow, Friday, 26th February, at 4.15 p.m. ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. BURNHAM, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:—

1. Will the President be good enough to lay on the table the drainage plans of Nos. 46 to 60, Caine Road (8 houses), situate on Section A of Island Lot No. 424, Nos. 27 to 37, Des Vaux Road Central (6 houses), situate on the Southern Portion of Reclamation of Marine Lot 10 A, and Nos. 18 to 23, Cornuaught Road Central (6 houses), situate on the North Portion of Marine Lot 10 A?

2. Will the President be pleased to direct the Sanitary Surveyor to inform the Board in writing of the advantages and disadvantages of the system introduced by him or adopted with his consent into the houses in Des Vaux Road Central and Caine Road?

3. Will the President be pleased to direct the Acting Medical Officer of Health to report on the drainage system as introduced into the houses in Des Vaux Road and Caine Road from a hygienic and public health point of view?

2. Applications for exemption from the provision of the open spaces required by the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

3. Applications for licences and for the renewal of licences to sell food for man outside the market.

4. Applications for the renewal of fat-boiling licences.

5. Application for a soap-boiling licence for Nos. 469, 462, and 464 Queen's Road West.

6. Application for permission to use the basement of No. 40, Eastern Street for the preparation and storage of food.

7. Application for permission to use the basement of Nos. 18 and 23, Western Street as a bean-curd cake-shop.

8. Correspondence relative to the general cleansing.

9. Rat Return for the fortnight ended the 22nd February, 1904.

10. Time-washer Return for the fortnight ended the 16th February, 1904.

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

MESSRS. GIBBS AND THE CHILEAN BATTLESHIPS.

It has been noted that the sale of the Chilean battleships to Great Britain has involved the resignation from Parliament of Messrs. Viceroy and Alban Gibbs. The point is a curious one. "In all probability we shall resign our seats, as a measure of precaution," said the Hon. Viceroy Gibbs, M.P., in a newspaper representative of the Hon. Alban Gibbs, M.P., and himself. "It is perhaps doubtful whether the fact of our firm acting as agents for the sale of the Chilean warships constituted us Government contractors. But as there is some ground for thinking so, the safest course will be to seek re-election."

"No question of breaking the law arises," said Mr. Gibbs, in answer to a further question. "The statute of George III. simply lays down that any person who shall undertake any contract with a Government department shall be incapable of being elected or of sitting or voting during the time he shall hold such office. And we have incurred no penalties for that. For though a contractor sitting or voting is liable to forfeit £500 for every day on which he shall sit or vote, to any person who may sue for the same, we have not sat or voted since the sale was carried through."

Both the City and St. Albans have for years past been regarded as the safest of Tory strongholds.

MEN OF THE HOUR.

VICEROY ALEXIEFF.

On Friday we gave some particulars about Marquis Ito, the great Japanese, whose influence is probably more than that of anyone else directing his country now. On the Russian? the new "Victory of the Far East," Admiral Alexieff, is supposed, more than anyone else, to be responsible for the position in which Russia finds herself, and some remarks on him will therefore no doubt be interesting. They are taken from a book entitled *The Russian Advance*, by Mr. Albert Beveridge, an American writer. He says:—

"Admiral Alexieff makes upon you the impression of almost abnormal alertness. His life has been devoted, with the enthusiasm of a boy, to the growing power of Russia. He is perhaps fifty years of age, and instinct with nervous energy. His step is impetuous. The whole movement of the man is full of dash. His talk is the vocalisation of force; his attitude, even when sitting in conversation, is that of bolt-upright intensity. Alexieff is informed, very frank, open, never hesitating to formulate a reply, and giving you his opinion quite off-hand. He is as quick in speech as Admiral Dewey, of whom again and again you are reminded when talking to him. His days are full of toil; indeed, most of his nights are full of toil also."

"In 1901, when the writer met Admiral Alexieff, he was in supreme command of the Asiatic Russian squadron, and also in command of all Southern Manchuria into his hand, too, it was understood, were gathered all of the threads of Russian diplomacy and statecraft running out all through the Orient. It was at that time predicted that Alexieff would soon be the first and highest representative of the Tsar throughout Manchuria and the entire Far East, and even in Trans-Baikal Siberia. His elevation during the present year [1903] to precisely that station has established the reality of the impressions formed in 1901. Whatever may be the future career of this uncommon man, whether he continues indefinitely to enjoy the exalted confidence of his sovereign, which is now his, or whether one of those strange revolutions of automatic favour shall reduce him to a humbler place, all statesmen, of whatever nationality, who may during this period be called upon to meet in negotiations or otherwise Admiral Alexieff would do well to understand that they are dealing with a master mind, a master will, and altogether with a masterful man."

The reference above to the favour of the Tsar is interesting at the present moment, when General Kuropatkin has just been appointed to supreme military command in the north, the precise significance of that appointment and its reference to Viceroy Alexieff's position not being understood as yet.

Speaking both of General Grodekoff, Governor of Eastern Siberia and Manchuria, and of Admiral Alexieff, the writer observes that "both were very frank, very open, and astonishingly independent in their opinions—astonishingly independent, that is, from the Anglo-Saxon viewpoint, which is that all Russians, and especially all officials, have the same opinion, and that that opinion is formulated for them at St. Petersburg."

Mr. Beveridge says in conclusion:—

"While Admiral Alexieff was perfectly unreserved in his conversation, while he talked with all the freedom of Tolstoi, the statement that the conversation was to be regarded as personal necessarily excludes a repetition of anything said."

A somewhat disappointing conclusion to Mr. Beveridge's remarks, it must be confessed! But they seem nevertheless worth transcribing, as far as they go, and we therefore give them.

GENERAL GRODEKOFF.

Of this General Mr. Beveridge writes as follows in the same book:—"You will hear about General Grodekoff a thousand miles before you reach the capital where he has his headquarters. He is one of those vital personalities about whom there is individual interest, and mouth-to-mouth gossip. 'A hard worker,' says one. 'He fought with Skobelev,' says another. (Skobelev is the hero of all Russians. To have it said that 'he fought with Skobelev' is a greater distinction than a title.) And so from a medley of remarks, most of them praise, some of them censure, but all of them personal and full of colour, the individuality of General Grodekoff, who wields all the absolute powers of the Tsar throughout a territory as large as the United States east of the Mississippi River, grows upon you. It is customary to receive callers only in the forenoon, but, with him, audience is granted, not for the next day, or for that night, nor in an hour, but instantly. There is no 'red tape' here, then, but an air of business, curiously American."

And General Grodekoff comes forward to meet you. He is short of stature, broad-shouldered, bald-headed, full-bodied, nervous of speech. He talks quickly and with precision of speech. Force, energy, keenness, masterfulness—these are the impressions he makes upon you. You get the notion that he is not a great reader of books, and that the reason is that he is too busy. He knows all about Afghanistan, through having tramped and ridden through it. The same is true of Persia. On all these subjects he has clear and vigorous personal opinions, formed from actual experience. Turn where you will you will find this deputy of the Tsar informed, usually at first hand, and from personal observation."

To sum it all up, you find that he is a man so absorbed in his work that he has given his whole life to it. And this is the quality of man whom the representatives of other nations must meet and overcome wherever their interests conflict with those of Russia."

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB
RACE MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

Glorious weather greeted the second day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's race meeting. A goodly gathering attended, more amount of money, perhaps, changing hands than on the previous day. The previous day's racing having shown up the comparative merits of the various horses, plunging, especially by the numerous Chinese spectators, was common. The more certainty of the favorites' success, however, prevented extraordinary dividends.

In the course of the afternoon the Racecourse became crowded with spectators. Among the throng were all the best known people in the Colony. It was pleasant to notice that the promenade in front of the Grand Stand had been watered in the morning, thus putting an end to the clouds of distressing dust that had been so prevalent on the opening day. Again at fifteen minutes the watering-buckets were put into use, and there was an entire absence of the annoyance that had made Tuesday's races so uncomfortable from the point of view of the promoters. In the afternoon the band of H.M.S. *Albatross*, under Bandmaster V. de Robertis, played an excellent selection of music. The programme was as follows:

March....."The Advance Guard".....Home
Overture....."Light Cavalry".....Supper
Selection....."Yeomen of the Guard".....Sullivan
Valse....."Sobre las olas".....Rossini
Selection....."Elegiac".....Verdi
March....."Elegiac".....Verdi
March....."Elegiac".....Verdi

The Playway Stakes, the first race, brought out a field of six. Coronet Rose was generally favoured in consequence of his fine performance in the Derby on the previous day, and he justified his backers' support by winning easily from Royal. In the Exchange Plate race nine horses faced the starter. None of the "Rose" entrants showed up, and the race fell to Set, from the Ewo stables, with Algerine second and Rebel King third. In view of the Jockey Club's decision with regard to the relative merits of China-pony and water racing, it was a notable fact that more interest was shown by the spectators in the water race for the Professional Cup than in any of the native-pony events. There is no doubt that apart from the argument that the keeping and training of water means an expense which the average member of the Jockey Club does not feel justified to take upon him, the water races are vastly more appreciated by these whose only outlay amounts to the admission money at the gate. The Professional Cup race was productive of the best finish of the day. Six entered. Remnant (who had won the Footchew Cup on Tuesday) was penalised to the extent of 7 lbs., but even with this extra weight to carry there were many who fancied that, with Mr. Master up, Remnant stood a good chance of defeating Runaway Girl, who had made such a good show for first honours. As it turned out, however, Remnant got the worst of the start, and was never able to come up to Runaway Girl, who held the lead from first to last. Dandy also made a good bid for first honours, but his challenge was staved off by Runaway Girl. In the German Cup race 16 numbers were put up. Manila was fancied for a win, but Fical secured premier honours with Standard second, while Ben Roy (Mr. Johnston up), who made the running throughout, finished sixth. Only two horses came forward for the Garrison Cup—Coronet Rose and Royal. As their respective form had already been demonstrated in the Playway Stakes, it did not seem likely that they would be able to do better than a draw.

Coronet Rose won an easy race by a length and a half. The Jockey Club drew out a field of eleven. Ca Canni started a hot favourite. The result was never in doubt. Ca Canni led the field over the entire length and won easily, Culex taking second honours. Eight horses turned out for the Challenge Cup. A grand race for which Rajah set the pace resulted in his stable companion Polka getting home first with very little to spare from Rebel King and Pandur. Mr. Buxey's Marchal Niel Rose won the "Blake" Challenge Cup with the previous day's winner Chautauque second. In the Navy Cup, La France Rose beat Chieftain, who was more heavily backed. Rex secured third place. The biggest field of the day was the Racing Stakes, over a score of horses facing the starter. Disclosure was a popular win, Standard being second, and Arranapogue third. A good dividend was paid on the latter.

Results were as follows:—
The PLAYWAY STAKES, a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$500 added; winner to receive 70 per cent, second 30 per cent, and third 10 per cent; for China ponies, weight for inches as per scale; previous winners to carry 7 lbs. extra for each race won up to 14 lbs. Five furlongs.
Mr. Buxey's Coronet Rose, 11st 8 lbs. (Mr. Cox) 1.
Mr. John Peel's Royal, 10st 9 lbs. (Mr. Barkill) 2.
Mr. Ellis Kadorie's Chieftain, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Crighton) 3.
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Regret, 11st 5 lbs. (Mr. Alderton) 4.
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Discovery, 11st 2 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 5.
Capt. Ngont and Mr. Dowling's Earl, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Dowling) 6.

Coronet Rose got the best of a good start and jumped off in front, followed by Royal and Discovery, with the rest of the field following in the order Chieftain, Regret, and Earl. Discovery pulled up when the field was approaching Wongneichong Village, with Chieftain in close pursuit. Discovery rode wide when entering the bend coming into the straight, and Royal gained the inside position next the leader, with Chieftain challenging. On the run to the winning-post Coronet Rose maintained the advantage, Mr. Cox bringing his mount home

in rattling style with about two lengths to spare. Royal kept in front of Chieftain and secured second honours by half a length. Discovery a good fourth.

Time, 1 min. 16 2/5 secs.
Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$8.40; 1st place, \$5.30; 2nd, \$6.50; 3rd, \$6.20.
The EXCHANGE PLATE, value \$1000; presented by the bankers and exchange brokers of Hongkong; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners to carry 7 lbs. extra; of two or more races 10 lbs. extra; griffins allowed 5 lbs.; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 10 lbs. unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10. From the two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. John Peel's Set, 11st 7 lbs. (Mr. Barkill) 1.
Mr. Wingard's Algerine, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Moller) 2.
Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 10st 10 lbs. (Mr. Master) 3.
Mr. Cleugh's The Crow, 10st 10 lbs. (Mr. Johnston) 4.
Mr. Wheelcut's Protection, 10st 5 lbs. (Mr. Schurri) 5.
Mr. Buxey's Northern Rose, 10st 8 lbs. (Mr. Gegg) 6.
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 10st 10 lbs. (Mr. Alderton) 7.
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Daybreak, 10st 13 lbs. (Mr. Oswald) 8.
Mr. Buxey's La France Rose, 10st 9 lbs. (Mr. Crighton) 9.
5 lbs. overweight.

A splendid start. Passing the stand for the first time The Crow led, with La France Rose second, Algerine third, Northern Rose fourth, and the rest in a bunch. Towards the bend La France Rose drew ahead, closely followed by The Crow, who continued for some time neck and neck. Approaching the Football Club's pavilion La France Rose hauled ahead slightly, taking, however, an outside course. La France Rose continued to gain going up hill. The Crow going well at his heels, Northern Rose next. At the Black Rock all were more or less together, La France Rose with a slight lead. Algerine made an excellent start near the Village; he was followed by Set, also doing well. In the straight Set, Algerine, and Rebel King took a lead, La France Rose and The Crow falling behind. They finished in this order.

Time, 2 min. 18 3/5 secs.
Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$8.40; 1st place, \$7.40; 2nd, \$5.90; 3rd, \$6.

The PROFESSIONAL CUP, presented; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for water; handicaps; entrance \$10. One mile.
Mr. Johnston's Runaway Girl, 11st 8 lbs. (Owner) 1.
Mr. G. Master's Remnant, 11st 11 lbs. (Owner) 2.
The Pale Dandy, 11st 2 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 3.
Mr. G. H. Potts's Brilliant, 12st 5 lbs. (Mr. Cox) 4.
Mr. Hunter's Chi Sai, 10st 10 lbs. (Mr. Barkill) 5.
Mr. John Peel's Golden Bell, 12st 9 lbs. (Mr. Crighton) 6.

After a lot of trouble at the start, the field got off well together. Runaway Girl secured inside position, followed closely by Chi Sai, Golden Bell, Dandy, Brilliant, and Remnant in the order named. In this position they passed the post for the first time. In approaching the Football Club pavilion Chi Sai was challenged for second place by Golden Bell, and they rode neck and neck until going up the hill to the Black Rock without either assuming the lead. Meanwhile Mr. Master sent Remnant forward at a rattling pace and came up into the bunch. Dandy also put on a spurt, and jumping into second place coming down the hill to the Village challenged Runaway Girl, Remnant following close behind. Runaway Girl staved off Dandy's challenge. Then Remnant was sent in the hot pursuit, but Mr. Master had apparently waited too long for Runaway Girl to show off this challenge also, and passed the winning-post three-quarters of a length ahead; Dandy a good third.

Time, 1 min. 52 1/5 secs.
Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$9.40; 1st place, \$5.70; 2nd, \$5.50; 3rd, \$5.30.

The GERMAN CUP, presented by members of the Club Germania; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Paul's Fical, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Cox) 1.
Mr. Meifoo's Standard, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Master) 2.
Mr. A. Babington's Rocket, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Barkill) 3.
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Alarm, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Oswald) 4.
Mr. Hart Buck's Good-bye, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Mackie) 5.
Mr. A. V. Apear's Manila, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Alderton) 6.
Mr. Lola's Emigrant, 10st 9 lbs. (Mr. Bell) 7.
Major Radcliff's Mabelibibi, 11st 12 lbs. (Mr. Knox) 8.
Mr. Wheelcut's Fair Trade, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Schurri) 9.
Mr. Dowling's Panjandrum, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Moller) 10.
Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben Roy, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Johnston) 11.
Mr. Christiani's Zufall, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Gillingham) 12.
Mr. D. MacDonald's The Baillie, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Clarke) 13.
Mr. E. A. Bonner's Clifton, 11st 4 lbs. (Mr. Rutherford) 14.
Mr. Rolason's Reed Tootie, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Knox) 15.

3 lbs. overweight.
The fifteen ponies started off in a bunch, Standard drawing to the front. Passing the Judges' stand for the first time the order was—Ben Roy, Manila, Rock t, Alarm, Ben Roy continued to lead up to the Football Club's pavilion, when Manila drew up to the front. Standard overhauled first Manila and then Ben Roy towards the Black Rock. Fical then drew up level, with Rocket, also, very near. A most exciting race down the straight was witnessed, Fical, Rocket, and Standard all neck-and-neck. A close finish between these three resulted.

Time, 2 min. 42 2/5 secs.
The Pari-mutuel—Winner, \$22.30; 1st place, \$7.10; second place, \$6.70; third place, \$6.20.

The GARRISON CUP, presented by the Officers of the garrison; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners to carry 7 lbs. extra; of two or more races 10 lbs. extra; griffins allowed 5 lbs.; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 10 lbs. unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

side griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 5 lbs.; winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10; from the two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. Buxey's Coronet Rose, 11st 8 lbs. (Mr. Cox) 1.
Mr. John Peel's Royal, 10st 9 lbs. (Mr. Barkill) 2.

There was not much doubt on the part of backers as to which of the two entrants would pull off this race. Royal at the fall of the flag made the running and led by a length till the Black Rock was reached when Coronet Rose was sent to the front and maintained the lead until the winning-post was reached. Royal made an attempt coming home to regain his lost advantage, but was shaken off by the leader.

Time, 2 min. 25 2/5 secs.
Pari-mutuel—Winners, \$6; 1st place, \$5.50.

The JOCKEY CUP, value \$300; second to receive \$100; and third \$50; for China ponies; subscription griffins of any season; to be ridden by jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China; weight for inches as per scale, previous winners barred; entrance \$10, once round.

Mr. John Peel's Ca Canni, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Johnston) 1.
Mr. Medico's Culex, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Milward) 2.
Mr. Buxey's Pink Rose, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Gegg) 3.
H. E. Mr. F. H. May's Yellow Skin, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Gedge) 4.
Mr. Tramear's Fun, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Mackie) 5.
Mr. D. MacDonald's The Proctor, 11st 4 lbs. (Mr. Clarke) 6.
Mr. W. Donnick's Growler, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Gillingham) 7.
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Mongooose, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Rutherford) 8.
Mr. Babington's Turbine, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Robertson) 9.
Mr. Hart Buck's H-schel II, 10st 9 lbs. (Mr. Knox) 10.
Messrs. Craig & R. A. G.'s Combing, 11st 4 lbs. (Mr. Makin) 11.

All went away with a good start, Ca Canni securing a good rail-position, Pink Rose close by, with Mongooose third. This order was maintained to the Football Stand, when Pink Rose drew away from the field. At the Black Rock Pink Rose was challenged by Culex, who drew almost level in an outside position; Ca Canni stuck to the rail. Coming up the straight Ca Canni drew ahead, while Culex ousted Pink Rose and Mongooose in the second place. Ca Canni finished a couple of lengths ahead of Culex; Pink Rose a good third.

Time, 1 min. 58 3/5 secs.
The CHALLENGE CUP, value 100 guineas; for China ponies; a forced entry of \$10 each, but optional to China ponies; subscription griffins of this or previous seasons; weight for inches as per scale; to be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the bona-fide property of the same owner or owners; winner to receive \$300 and 70 per cent; second \$100 and 30 per cent, and third \$50 and 10 per cent, of the entrance fees until the Cup is finally won, when the second pony will receive 75 per cent, and third pony 25 per cent, of the entrance fees. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. John Peel's Polka, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Barkill) 1.
Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Master) 2.
Mr. G. H. Potts's Pandur, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Crighton) 3.
Mr. Wingard's Vancouver, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Moller) 4.
Mr. Fernando's Discord, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Alderton) 5.
Mr. Buxey's Rare Rose, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Cox) 6.
Mr. John Peel's Rajah, 11st 4 lbs. (Mr. Johnston) 7.
Mr. E. Goetz's Totila, 11st 7 lbs. (Mr. Ganat) 8.
Vancouver went off into first place at the fall of the flag, but Rajah took the lead early in the race, followed up by Rose. As the Football Pavilion was approached the three leaders drew away from the field. No change took place in the relative position of the horses until they had reached Wongneichong, where Mr. Cox held Rajah Rose in hand and fell back on the field, leaving Vancouver and Rajah three or four lengths ahead. The two leaders came up the straight neck and neck. After passing the post for the first time Vancouver and Rajah slackened their pace and allowed the field to come up. Of these Rebel King and Rare Rose held the lead. On the way to the Black Rock, Vancouver was still to the front with Rajah, Rebel King, Rare Rose, and Pandur following in the order named. At the Village Rajah gave way to his stable companion Polka. Vancouver also fell back, and Rebel King and Pandur came to the front. Coming up the home straight Polka jumped into the lead on the inside position, with Pandur behind. Mr. Master riding well out on the course sent Rebel King forward in good style, but was unable to gain the lead, and finished second, about a length behind Polka, with Pandur a good third. Vancouver and Rajah, who made the pace, finished among the last.

Time, 3 min. 48 secs.
Pari-mutuel—Winners, \$12; 1st place, \$6.90; second place, \$10.50; 3rd place, \$23.0.

The "BLAKE" CHALLENGE CUP, presented by His Excellency Sir Henry A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G.; for China ponies; subscription griffins of the seasons 1902-1903 and 1903-1904; to be won twice by ponies the bona-fide property of the same owners; first pony to receive 70 per cent, of the entrance fees; second 20 per cent; third 10 per cent; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the Valley Stakes or German Cup 14 lbs. extra, other winners 7 lbs. extra; penalties accumulative up to 14 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Buxey's Marchal Niel Rose, 11st 8 lbs. (Mr. Cox) 1.
The Pale Chautauque, 11st 11 lbs. (Mr. Barkill) 2.
Mr. Darius's Eclipse, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Crighton) 3.
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Muscatel, 11st 8 lbs. (Mr. Oswald) 4.
Mr. Godfrey Master's Noddy, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Gedge) 5.
Mr. Rolason's Reed Tootie, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Bell) 6.
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Sentry, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Alderton) 7.
Mr. Christiani's Pech, 11st 4 lbs. (Mr. Knox) 8.

Disclosure started off ahead in this very big field, being closely followed by Standard and Sylph Rose. Sylph Rose then drew ahead. After passing the Black Rock Disclosure challenged Sylph Rose; they rode neck-and-neck together passing the village. Sylph Rose then fell back, Standard and Arranapogue, taking second and third places.

Time, 1 min. 33 2/5 secs.
The Pari-mutuel paid—Winner, \$14.90; first place, \$7.60; second place, \$6.60; third place \$50.20.

THIRD DAY.
The GRAND STAND STAKES, value \$500 second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners to carry 7 lbs. extra; of two or more races 10 lbs. extra; subscription griffins non-winners allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10. Three-quarters of a mile.

The SPRING STAKES, value \$50; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; winner of the German Cup 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. From the two-mile post once round and in.

The GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES, value \$500; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners at this meeting of one race 7 lbs. extra; of 2 or more races 10 lbs. extra; griffins allowed 5 lbs.; subscription griffins allowed 10 lbs.; entrance \$10. One mile.
The LADIES' PURSE, presented; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for all China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; winners at this meeting other than subscription griffins 5 lbs. extra; unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10. Once round.

A good start. Passing the post for the first time Neddy had a lead, Marchal Niel Rose second, and Sentry third. Going up the hill Marchal Niel Rose had a lead with Sentry and Muscatel close on his trail. At the Black Rock Marchal Niel Rose took the inside position, distancing somewhat towards the Village. Chautauque and Eclipse then came up into second and third places respectively. This order was maintained to the finish, when Marchal Niel Rose won by about a length and a half. It was a good third.

Time, 2 mins. 8 2/5 secs.
Pari-mutuel—Winners, \$20.10; 1st place, \$6.80; 2nd \$7.50; 3rd \$5.90.

The NAVY CUP, presented by the Officers of His Majesty's Fleet; second to receive \$100; and third \$50; for China ponies; bona-fide griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; of two or more races 10 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Buxey's La France Rose, 10st 11 lbs. (Mr. Cox) 1.
Mr. Ellis Kadorie's Chieftain, 10st 12 lb. (Mr. Crighton) 2.
Mr. John Peel's Rex, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Barkill) 3.
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Aladdin, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Alderton) 4.
Mr. Wheelcut's Protection, 10st 1 lb. (Mr. Schurri) 5.
Mr. Kaulack's Once More, 11st 4 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 6.
Mr. Buxey's Liberty Rose, 11st 11 lbs. (Mr. Master) 7.

A fair start, Liberty Rose leading, Protection second, and Once More creeping up inside the rails. Chieftain then advanced somewhat; passing the Judges' stand for the first time the order was—Liberty Rose, Rex, Protection, and Chieftain. This continued for some distance. Protection drawing level with Rex up the hill, Chieftain continuing fourth. Towards the Black Rock La France Rose took the third place, Liberty Rose continuing to make the running. Once More also gaining a little; La France Rose going strong, next took second place, and then, in the straight, the lead. The order at the finish was La France Rose, half-a-length ahead; Chieftain, second; Rex, a fair third.

Time, 2 min. 46 2/5 secs.
The Pari-mutuel paid—Winner, \$25.40; first place, \$8.80; second place, \$5.40; third place, \$6.30.

The RACING STAKES, a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$250 added; for China ponies; subscription griffins of any season; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners barred; first pony to receive 70 per cent; second 20 per cent; and third 10 per cent; unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Disclosure, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Barkill) 1.
Mr. Meifoo's Standard, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Master) 2.
Major Radcliff's Arranapogue, 11st 7 lbs. (Mr. Clarke) 3.
Mr. F. H. Hinds's Bonzoline, 10st 6 lbs. (Mr. Gegg) 4.
Mr. Lola's Colonist, 10st 13 lbs. (Mr. Bell) 5.
Mr. J. H. Lewis's Starling, 11st 4 lbs. (Mr. Alderton) 6.
Mr. Wayfong's Persistence, 10st 10 lbs. (Mr. Black) 7.
Mr. Buxey's Sylph Rose, 10st 11 lbs. (Mr. Cox) 8.
Mr. G. B. MacDonald's Go Bang, 10st 7 lbs. (Mr. Dowling) 9.
Mr. C. H. Ross's Ben Roy, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Johnston) 10.
Mr. Christiani's Zufall, 11st 2 lbs. (Mr. Gaunt) 11.
Mr. Tramear's Fun, 10st 10 lbs. (Mr. Mackie) 12.
Mr. E. H. Hinds's Hazard, 10st 7 lbs. (Mr. Makin) 13.
H. E. Mr. May's Blue Skin, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Gedge) 14.
F. R. A. G.'s Spero, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Rutherford) 15.
Mr. E. W. Mitchell's Lord Alge, 10st 10 lbs. (Mr. Knox) 16.
Mr. Medico's Culex, 10st 12 lbs. (Mr. Milward) 17.
Mr. A. Babington's Turbine, 10st 11 lbs. (Mr. Robertson) 18.
Mr. E. S. Joseph's Bander, 10st 10 lbs. (Mr. Gillingham) 19.
Mr. Buxey's Mignette Rose, 11st 1 lb. (Mr. Schurri) 20.
Mr. Armand's Modesty, 10st 11 lbs. (Mr. Crighton) 21.
Mr. Darius's Talbot, 10st 10 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 22.

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R. J. MACGOWAN,


Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1904. [584]

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1904. [2]

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1904. [586]

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [584]

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [585]

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [588]

THE KOWLOON DISPENSARY will be CLOSED for Business TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 25th inst., at 1 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [587]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 a.m. TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 25th inst., respectively.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [570]

RACE HOLIDAY.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 a.m. TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 25th inst., respectively.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1904. [556]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1904.

TO-DAY (THURSDAY), SATURDAY (OFF-DAY), 25th and 27th FEBRUARY.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD., or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2.

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [458]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 25th and 27th instant.

A Stand and an Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families. Tickets for which will be sent out with the Members' Tickets after MONDAY, 15th inst. All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1904. [459]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANT will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the Undersigned.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [460]

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASON'S HALL, on MONDAY, the 29th FEBRUARY instant, at 8 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1904. [575]

ZETLAND LODGE No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the Freemason's Hall on TUESDAY, the 1st MARCH instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1904. [576]

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [523]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Stonecutters Island (East Battery) in a South-Westerly direction at ranges from 600 to 4,500 yards, on the 25th February, 1904, and from Lyman Sub-District (Redoubt and Pak-shan Batteries) in the direction of the entrance to Junk Bay at ranges from 600 to 4,500 yards on the 26th instant.

If the weather is unfavourable on either of the above dates, practice will take place on the 1st proximo.

Practice will commence at 9 a.m. on the 25th, and at 9.30 a.m. on the 26th instant, and end at 11 a.m. daily, if the range is clear.

By Command,

A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [542]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 111.

THE following Notice is published.

By Command,

A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM at the Magistracy, at 2.15 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 1st day of MARCH, 1904, for the purpose of considering the following application—

From one ALEXANDER MOIR for the transfer of his Publican's Licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situate at the Peak, under the sign of "The Peak Hotel," to one GEORGE LEOPOLD DUNCAN.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Police Magistrate.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [558]

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [205]

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1904. [540]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th FEBRUARY to the 3th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDIN, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [474]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 10th March, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th instant, to the 10th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1904. [488]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that, on and after this date, they can obtain Scrip Certificates for Shares of the new issue in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank receipts on application at the Registered Offices of the Company, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1903, at the rate of One Pound and Ten Shillings, together with a Bonus of Ten Shillings sterling per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 22nd day of FEBRUARY, current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. E. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1904. [558]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 12% per Share and Bonus of 2% per Share for the six months ending 31st December, 1903, declared at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the P. offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after TUESDAY, the 23rd FEBRUARY, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New 12 ways.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [571]

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Hongkong, 13th June, 1903. [334]

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C. H. GRACE, Secretary, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [569]

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WITH THE TIBET MISSION.

The correspondent of the *Rangoon Gazette*, dating his letter from Phari on the 26th ultimo, sends to this paper the following interesting account of the Chumbi Valley.

From the Jelep pass one looks down a deep narrow ravine on the Chumbi valley. To the right and to the left bare brown hills shut out the view. Far to the north-east rises the conical peak of Chumlung. The Lhasa road follows the course of a boisterous mountain stream, now half choked with ice and obstructed by fallen pine trunks. The stream is bounded by moss-grown rocks which form a bed for the dwarf rhododendrons and delicate silver birches.

Looking back the snow-crown pine trees, and over their rosy blue sky. The valley combines the grandeur of the Himalayas with the beauty of the Alps. In spring-time the ground is carpeted with a profusion of flowers, primula, gentians, anemones, celandines, wood sorrel, wild strawberries, irises and rhododendrons of every imaginable hue. Yet this seductive valley is the approach to the most bare, unsheltered country in Asia.

There is a descent of over 4,000 ft. in six miles from the summit of the Jelep. The valley is perfectly straight without a bend, so that one can look down from the pass upon the Kanjut monastery on the hill-side immediately above Yatung. The pass would afford an impregnable military position to a people with the minimum of arms and martial spirit. A few riflemen on the cliffs that command it might annihilate a column with perfect safety and escape into Bhutan before any flank movement could be made. Yet miles of straggling convey are allowed to pass daily with the supplies that are necessary for the very existence of the force ahead. The road to Pharijong passes through two military walls. The first at Yatung, six miles below the pass, is a senseless obstruction, and any able-bodied Tommy with hob-nailed boots might very easily run it down. It has no blockhouses, and would be useless against a flank attack. Before our advance to Chumbi the wall was inhabited by three Chinese officials, *dingpoos*, or Tibetan sergeants, and twenty Tibetan soldiers; it served as a barrier beyond which no British subject was allowed to pass. The second wall lies across the valley at Zat Sang four miles beyond our camp at Chumbi; it is roofed and loop-holed like the Yatung barrier, and is defended by blockhouses. This fortification and every mile of valley between the Jelep and Ganish might be held by a single company against an invading force. Yet there are not half a dozen Chinese or Tibetan soldiers in the valley. No opposition is expected this side of the Tunga, but nondescript troops armed with matchlocks and bows hover round the mission on the open plateau beyond. A few companies of Khamtibong and occupation of Chumbi were rapid and unexpected that it is thought the Tibetans had no time to bring troops into the valley; but to anyone who knows the timidity and incompetence of the natives no explanation is necessary.

Yatung is reached by one of the worst sections of road on the march; one comes across a dead transport mule at almost every zig-zag of the descent. For ten years the village has enjoyed the distinction of being the only place in Southern Tibet accessible to Europeans. Not that many Europeans avail themselves of its accessibility, for it is a dreary enough place to live in, shrouded as it is in cloud more than half the year round, and embedded in a valley so deep and narrow that in winter time the sun has hardly risen above one cliff when it sinks behind another. The privilege of access to Yatung was the result of the agreement between Great Britain and China with regard to trade communications between India and Tibet drawn up in Darjeeling in 1893 subsequently to the Sikkim Convention. It was then stipulated that there should be a free mart at Yatung to which British subjects should have free access, and that there should be special trade facilities between Sikkim and Tibet. It is reported that the Chinese *Amal* took good care that Great Britain should not benefit by these new regulations, for after signing the agreement which was to give the Indian tea merchants a market in Tibet he introduced new regulations on the other side of the frontier which prohibited the purchase of Indian tea. Whether the story is true or not it is certainly a case of chicanery of the gravest and duplicitous which have brought about the present armed mission into Tibet. To-day as one rides through the cobble street of Yatung the only visible effects of the Convention are the Chinese customs house with its single European officer and the residence of a lady missionary or trader as the exigencies of international diplomacy oblige her to term herself. The customs house was first established with the object of estimating the trade between India and Tibet—traffic not permitted by any other route than the Jelep—and with a view to taxation when the trade should make it worth while. Up to the present no duties have been imposed, and the only apparent use the customs house serves is to remind Tibet of the suzerainty of China. The custom house, the missionary house, and the houses of the clerks and servants of the customs and of the trader, form a little black, walled-in town, a quarter of a mile of barren, stony ground, and then the wall with military pretensions. I rode through the gate unchallenged.

At Rinchengong, a mile beyond the barrier, the Yatung stream flows into the Amoo Chu. The road follows the eastern bank of the river passing through Chumma and old Chumbi, where it crosses the stream. After crossing the bridge a mile of almost level ground takes one into Chumbi camp. I reached Chumbi on the evening of January 12th, having completed the journey from Darjeeling in two days' hard riding. The camp lies in a shallow basin in the hills, and is flanked by barren, fire-baked hills which rise some 1,500 feet above the river bed and preclude a view of the mountains on all sides. The situation is by no means the best from the view of comfort, but strategic reasons make it necessary. Despite the protection of almost Arctic clothing one shivers until the sun rises over the eastern hill at 10 o'clock, and shivers again when it sinks behind the opposite ones at 3. Dry winds sweep the valley, and hurricanes of dust invade one's tent. Against this cold one clothes oneself in flannel vest and shirt, sweater, flannel-lined coat, post-hole or Cashmere sheepskin, oil-skin Gilt boots, and fur or woolen cap with flaps meeting under the chin. The general effect is

barbaric and picturesque. In after days the trimness of a military club may recall the scene of officers clad in gold-embroidered post-hole, yellow boots and fur caps, bearded like wild Koughians, and building round the camp fire in this black cauldron-like valley under the stars.

Both at home and in India one hears the Tibet Mission spoken of enviously as a picnic. There is no idea of an encampment in a smiling valley and easy marches towards the mysterious city. In reality there is plenty of hard and uninteresting work; the expedition is attended with all the discomforts of a campaign and very little of the excitement. Colonel Younghusband is now at Tana, a desolate hamlet on the Tibetan plateau exposed to the coldest winds of Asia, where the thermometer falls to 23 degrees below zero. Detachments of the escort are scattered along the line of communications in places of varying cold and discomfort where they must wait until the necessary supplies have been carried through to Phari. It is not likely that Colonel Younghusband will be able to proceed to Gyantse before March. In the meanwhile imagine the Pioneers and Gurkhas too cold to wash or shave, shivering in a dirty Tibetan tent, half suffocated with smoke from a yak-dung fire. Then there is the transport officer shut up in some narrow valley of Sikkim trying to make half a dozen out of three with his camp of sick beasts and sheep of urgent telegrams calling for supplies. He hopes there will be "a show" and that he may be in it. Certainly if any one deserves to go to Lhasa and get a medal for it, it is the Supply and Transport man. But he will be left behind.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(VIA RANGOON.)

THE TIBET MISSION.

Chumbi, 6th February.

The General and Staff are moving up to inspect the line to-morrow, returning to Chumbi on the 15th. A large conveyance leaves Phari for Tana on the 10th. It is reported that the snow on the Jelep has been found greatly exaggerated. A conveyance has passed it and is coming through without delay.

Gyantse, Sikkim, 8th February.

Officers who have visited the Tibetan Camp at Gura report that the strength of the army is only sixteen hundred. The estimates of the Tibetan command have also been greatly exaggerated. All the arms seen in camp were matchlocks; one only had a bandolier of 303 cartridges. The cavalry are ill mounted. The conveyances from Lhasa are being supplied. Our Mounted Infantry reconnoitred within a mile of the camp two days ago. The Lhasa Depon has had one interview with Colonel Younghusband. The Depon, who is a man of fine presence and genial manner, was entertained by the British Mission at lunch, and much appreciated the mess and the European selections and marches played by the band of 20th Pioneers. The Depon was clad in rich furs; his dignity required a seat to dismount upon from his horse, and he was carried by one of his escort. The Depon said he was content to trust with the Mission only provided it stayed with Yatung. Messages are sent from the Tibetan camp to Tana almost daily, but the negotiations have proceeded no further.

London, 5th February.

The Duke of Connaught becomes Inspector-General. It is understood that Lord Roberts desired to obtain the post for six months. Generals Kelly-Kenny, Ian Hamilton, Brackenbury, Shorne and Nicholson, it is notified, are to vacate their present appointments.

London, 5th February.

In the match between Warner's eleven and Victoria, which opened in fine weather and with a good attendance, Victoria scored 239 runs for four wickets, McAlister making 135 not out.

London, 8th February.

The play to-day at Melbourne was delayed till after lunch, owing to the sudden state of the wicket.

COLLISIONS BETWEEN EUROPEANS AND NATIVES.

London, 4th February.

The *Times*, in commenting on the official manifesto on the subject of collisions between Europeans and natives, thinks it regrettable that Government had to deny charges of unfair treatment of Europeans for the first time that racial feeling has been aroused. The position of isolated Europeans is often difficult, and their forbearance is severely taxed by a class of natives who carry into practice the teaching of the more scurrilous native organs. The leading journal concludes by saying "So long as justice to the native is not allowed to spill in justice to the European, the noble efforts of the Government of India to maintain the principles of equal justice are secure of appreciation."

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